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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-third Annual Session

OF THE

Mount Pisgah Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

NESHOBA BAPTIST CHURCH

Neshoba County, Miss.,

September 17th, 18th and 19th, 1910.

Next place of meeting, Hickory Church, Newton County, Miss., Saturday before the third Lord's Day in September, 1911.

OFFICERS:

F. M. BRELAND, Moderator, Philadelphia, Miss.
G. P. CLARKE, Clerk, Decatur, Miss.
J. E. GRAHAM, Treas., Decatur, Miss.

Tracy Gallaspy, Book and Job Printer,
Newton, Miss.

STATE OF RELIGION

—AND—

Fraternal Correspondence With the Churches.

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Mt. Pisgah Association:

Through the mercies of a Divine Providence, our grand old Association has been permitted to meet with the Neshoba Church in her Seventy-Third Annual Session. The meeting has been all that we could wish. The weather has been ideal; the congregations are the largest, according to general opinion, ever seen at a meeting of the Association, and the preaching has been unusually able and stirring. Peace and harmony have governed the deliberations of the body. As far as our observation has extended, there has been no retrograde in the sentiment of our people for pure and undefiled religion. Taking the churches composing our beloved Association, perhaps we have never heard during a period of twelve months, of less disorder among the membership of these churches, as since the last meeting of the Association. We rather think that there is a growing disposition on the part of professors of religion, espececially of our own denomination, to exalt and elevate the dignity of the profession. The fact that most, if not all, of the churches report more or less baptisms—some of them precious revivals—shows that the faithful labors of the pastors, accompanied by the prayers of the church, have not been entirely in vain.

While there are many signs of improvement, we regret that some church members are persistently careless as to

attendance of church meetings. This should not be so, and we urge all the members to be punctual in attending the stated meetings of their respective churches. Remember that in union there is strength. Let us thank God for the past, and take courage for the future.

G. P. CLARKE.

PROCEEDINGS

——OF THE——

Seventy-Third Annual Session of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association.

Neshoba Baptist Church, Neshoba County, Mississippi, tember 17, 1910.

At the usual hour, (11 o'clock,' a. m.) the appointee, Elder F M. Breland, preached the introductory sermon from Eph. 4 5. Theme: "The Unity or Faith." The concensus of opinion was that no abler presentation of Gospel doctrine has ever been made at a meeting of the Mt. Pisgah Association.

After the sermon, an interval was spent in partaking of refreshments, which were spread in great abundance by the church and community.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

A hymn was sung, Elder H. O. White offered prayer, and the Association was convened by the Moderator, Elder R. K. Cleveland, in her seventy-third annual session.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

To read letters—M. G. Scarboro, W. H. Harrison and F. M Breland.

Finance—T. J. Bounds, J. K. Jordan and J. L. Harrison.

On preaching—Pastor and deacons of Neshoba church, with W. J. McMullan and J. E. Graham

The roll of churches was called, and names of messengers enrolled.

Beulah—H O. White, J. L. Harrison. J. E. Graham, T. A Sims.

Bluff Springs—G. J. Hillman, Roy Boler.

Beat Line—A. W Edwards, A. M. Allgood.

County Line—J. T. Knight, W J. Cooper.

Centre Ridge—J. S. Wells, P. N. Wells.

Cross Roads—J. C. Russell, Will Matheney.

Chunkey—T. P. Jones, T. L. Dyess.

Decatur—J. K. Jordan, T. L. Gaines, Q. Q. Graham, G. P. Clarke.

Dixon—D. B. Cannon, W. T. Lewis.

Ebenezer, Newton county—T. J. Bounds, J. I. Robinson

Ebenezer, Neshoba county—Oscar McKey, W. R. Brantley.

Ephesus—J. L. Graham, J F. Gardner.

Good Hope, Scott county—G L Hough, John May.

Good Hope, Newton county—S. W. Monroe, W. C. Williams.

Hopewell—J. W Williams, Jim Smith.

Hickory—M G. Scarboro, G. O. Killam.

Hebron—J. L Laird, J. J Smith.

Hazel—T. J. Webb, Floyd Harris.

Hope—T. J Webb, B. E. Turner

Mt. Sinai—F. C. Lewis, F. M Breland.

Midway—W. J. R. Butts, W. J. McMullan.

Mt Pleasant—B. O. Allen, Lee Gilbert.

New Prospect—J M. Wolverton, R. D. Brown.

Neshoba—B F. Lewis, J. M. Smith, L. P. Wilson, J. E. McCraw.

New Providence—A. F. Lindley, C. D. Lindley.
New Ireland—J. H. Germany, S. B. Barfoot.
Oakland—C. O. Reynolds, A. R. Reynolds.
Pleasant Hill—L. D Bishop, J. H. Wilson, M. Weaver
Pinckney—W. O. Estes, Virgil Gordon.
Pine Bluff—A Volentine, N. McCraney.
Pind Ridge—D. M. Stroud, Wm. Yarbrough.
Poplar—L. F. Milling.
Pleasant Ridge—J. B. Gibbon, J. H. Cunningham.
Rock Branch—W. H. Rainer, R. K. Cleveland.
Salem—J D. Rape, Talmage Lay
Sulphur Springs—Tom Petty, Johnny Gardner.
Sand Springs—J M. Williams, A. Ingram.
Sardis—G. W. Brantley, Lonny Andrews.
Stratton—H. O. Horne, W. F. Rowzee.
Union, Newton county—E. J. Hill, W. L. Collins, W. R. Moore.
Union, Scott county—R. M Beaseley, J. E. Putnam.

The time having now arrived for the election of officers for the ensuing term, the body proceeded to attend to that business.

A motion to elect by acclamation was carried.

Elder F. M. Breland was elected Moderator, G. P. Clarke, Clerk and J. E. Graham, Treasurer.

The officers elect accepted with thanks.

The retiring Moderator, Elder R K. Cleveland, made feeling and appropriate remarks, and was voted a unanimous resolution of thanks for his able and impartial administration of the Moderator's office during the past four years.

Petitionary letters were called for. No response.

Invitations to seats extended to visiting ministers. L. E Lightsey, of Bay Springs Association, and Dr. Farish, of Lauderdale County Association, were welcomed and seated.

Corresponding messengers from sister Association were next called for. R. L. White and Elder J W. Bruner from Bay Springs, and M. W. Laugham from Oktibbeha Association responded, and were welcomed by the Moderator in behalf of the body

The committee on Preaching reported as follows:

Elder J W. Bruner to preaeh at the church Saturday night; Elder E. J. Hill, 11 o'clock, a. m., Sunday, at the church, and Dr. J. R Farish at same hour at the school house; Elder A. L Ingram, 3 p. m, at the church, and Elder Wm Yarbrough same hour at school house; Elder R. K. Cleveland at night at the church, and Elder G M. May at Linwood at night Elder D M Stroud was appointed to conduct prayer service at the church at 10 a m, Sunday morning

The following committees were appointed:

Nominations—T L Gaines, Q. Q. Graham, J W. Smith, A. F Lindley

Queries and Requests—D B Cannon, A R Reynolds, W. L. Collins, B F. Lewis

Report on State of Religion read by G P Clarke, and after some discussion, adopted (See First page)

On motion, it was ordered, that a collection be taken up at both houses after the morning services for Missions, and after the afternoon services for the Orphanage. (Sunday.)

On motion adjourned to 8 o'clock, Monday morning.

SUNDAY

At 10 a m, Elder D M Stroud conducted a solemn and impressive prayer service at the church, a number of brethren taking part.

At 11 a. m, Elder E. J. Hill, according to appointment, preached the annual sermon on Missions, from Acts

17:16 Theme: "The Missionary Vision". The speaker, being at his best, the sermon was able, orthodox and exhaustive.

Dr J. R. Farish preached at 11 a. m., at the school honse from Ps 84. Theme: "The Longing of the Psalmist for the Service and Sanctuary of Cod" The sermon was said to have been inspiring and comforting to the Christian.

The dinner, as on Saturday, was abundant and excellent and was partaken of by one of the largest crowds ever seen at an Association.

In the afternoon Elder A. L. Ingram preached at the church from James 1:22. Subject: "Duties We Owe to the Orphan" The discourse was impressive and instructive Elder Wm. Yarbrough preached at the school house at 3 p. m. The Clerk did not learn his text, but the sermon was said to have been able and sound. Elder R. K. Cleveland preached an instructive sermon at the church at night.

Great good will, no doubt, result from the labors of the day.

MONDAY MORNING.

Association met pursuant to adjournment After singing a song, Elder R K. Cleveland offered prayer

The roll of messengers was called and absentees noted.

By order of the Moderator, the Clerk read the rules of decorum

Renewed call for visiting ministers and corresponding messengers from sister Associations Elder S B. Culpepper from Bay Springs, and Elder R. L Breland from Oktibbeha Association, were present, and gave efficient aid and counsel.

Letters from churches not represented on Saturday were called for. The letter from Sand Springs church was presented, and delegates' name enrolled.

Corresponding messengers to other Associations were appointed as follows:

Pearl Valley—R. T. Grafton, W. T. Cooper, B. E. Turner.

Oktibbeha—A. F. Lindley, W. T. Cooper, R. K. Cleveland; J. L. Harrison, H. O. White, W. H. Rainer, W. J. Cooper.

Hopewell—J. L. Graham, G. M. May, D. M. Stroud, G. L. Hough.

Corresponding messengers authorized to write their letters.

On motion, any member of the Mt. Pisgah Association visiting other Associations, authorized to represent the body.

Messengers to General Association as follows:

W. T. Cooper, Wm. Yarbrough, J. E. Graham, R. T. Grafton, R. K. Cleveland, W. J. Cooper.

NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following:

That Elder W. H. Rainer preach the next Introductory Sermon; and that Elder R. K. Cleveland be his alternate; that Elder W. L. Collins preach the Annual Sermon on Missions; and that Elder R. L. Herrington be his alternate.

T. L. GAINES, Chairman.

ORPHANAGE.

Report on Orphanage read by J. E. Graham, and after some discussion, adopted as amended.

Dear Brethren: We submit the following:

God gave us the little orphan children, and under the direction of His power, our people have built up a great

and grand institution, located at Jackson, Miss., under the direction and care of our beloved brother, J. R. Carter, and other helpmates. Our Orphanage is second to none in its facilities for training up the children in all the avocations—perhaps excelling the opportunities of our children in their home life. Dear brethren, we are not unmindful of our duty towards maintaining and supporting this grand institution, that is being fostered by our denomination, and also we are not unmindful of our neglect and indifferance in the support of it. We recommend some formulated plan be inaugurated in our Association for getting up funds for the Orphanage—such as taking up collections regularly each quarter, or annually, as the case may suit the brethren of our churches.

The amendment follows:

That collections for Orphanage be taken up at least twice a year in the churches—in May and November.

J. E. GRAHAM, Chairman.

At this point, a resolution was adopted, requesting Elder F M. Breland to reproduce his introductory sermon for publication in THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST and BAPTIST RECORD.

Elder W. W. Gresham from Pearl Valley Association being present, was seated.

MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions reported as follows—read by F. M. Breland, discussed at length, and adopted. (See below.)

Your Committee on Missions make the following report:

We read that the Master commands in His word: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in

the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."—Matt 28:19 Then again He said unto them: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned."—Mark 16:15-16. Paul, the great missionary to the Gentiles, hearing the Master's commands and feeling the responsibilities placed upon him, answered: "I am debtor both to the Greek and the Barbarian; both to the wise and the unwise So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome also For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."—Rom 1:14-16

It is clearly the purpose of God, through the instrumentality of His sanctified ones, to fill the whole world with His knowledge and praise; hence, the presence of His church in the world. We find two purposes for a church in the world. First—A home for the redeemed, where they may hold communion with each other and their Lord; and, second, to give the Gospel to the lost and perishing millions of the earth No church, nor individual member thereof, is doing what God would have them to do, if they are not giving the Gospel to the lost

Hear the Macedonian cry! It's still rising on our ears. Oh, heart-rending cry! Who can hear it and not be aroused to action?

Millions are perishing off the shore on the sea of life. They are calling to those on shore—the redeemed ones. The Master says: "Go, and lo, I am with you." Who will obey the call? Will we let them go down? "No," I answer; "a thousand times no." God's people can not, and will not stand idly by and hear them cry for help and see them go down! down!! down!!! Awake, awake, put on

thy strength, O Zion. We *must* be up and *doing*. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields already white unto harvest. Thousands are dying daily without the Gospel and going down to a heathen's hell. Great is the responsibility that rests upon God's people. Will we longer hold in our own hands that which belongs to the Lord? Let us bring our tithes into His store house, that the millions now perishing may have brought to them the bread of life.

As to the results of past efforts, and as proof that the Master is making good His promise to His people, when he said: "Go, and lo, I am with you," we have only to refer you to the statistics of the Southern Baptist Convention, which are very gratifying, and brings joy to every Christian heart, and should encourage us to greater efforts in the Master's work.

Following are some statistics:

Collected for Home Missions	$319,011.32
Collected for Foreign Missions	489,624.64
Total	$808,635 96

Cost only $41,675.01 to collect and disburse the amount, which is about 9 per cent. No other business so large was ever conducted at so small a cost.

As to success: Home field, baptisms 27,386.

There are 246 Missionaries in the foreign field, and 467 native helpers. 3,223 baptisms were reported during the year; quite an increase over the preceding year.

All told, the past year was a very successful year with our Missionaries at home and on foreign fields. The work proves the wisdom of organized work as carried on by the Southern Baptist Convention, and the General Association. May God increase their power and usefulness.

(The above from Southern Baptist Convention for year closing May 1910.)

Submitted.

F. M. BRELAND.

EDUCATION.

The report on Education was read by E. J. Hill, discussed at length, and adopted. The report follows:

Your Committee on Education submit the following report:

Its vital relation to all other work impresses us, if we but reflect how much we owe to denominational education. Out of our great schools have come many of our foreign Missionaries. Out of our schools have come leaders in our Missionary Societies. Out of our schools have come trained faculties and teachers to teach and train our children in rural districts. Out of our schools have come many of the most eminent and gifted of our pastors. Indeed, in a sense, we may say we owe our vigorous existence to Christian culture.

We are great because of the missionary idea to teach. The only way to instruct the world, is to turn on the great light of sound Christian education. The greatest service we can do a human being, is to give him a right education, physical, intellectual, moral and religious. If it is our duty to do good to all, so far as in us lies, it is our duty to labor for the education of all, that no child of God may live with an enfeebled body, or a darkened mind, or a slothful spirit.

Since it is our duty to educate, it is our duty to give the best education. We rejoice that our educational interests as a denomination, are greater than ever before. When we think of our own Mississippi College, that has stood so long, and has blessed so many lives, and has sent out so many great men to different parts of the earth to bless and spread the sweet fragrance of life, and to see the steps she is taking to be a greater blessing to the world, we can but think, if we could walk through the gardens of the world and pluck the flowers of rarest beauty, and se-

lect the rarest jewels that glisten, we would fashion them into a most beauteous crown, and, with the hand of love, crown her as the mother of our denominational interest in education.

Once more, when we lift our eyes and get a vision of the future of our own child, Clarke Memorial College, and of the great work she has done, and promises to do, we can say with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, Oh, my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name." Clarke Memorial is in her infancy, but a great work has she done, and a greater work will she do, if we give her our money, girls and boys.

Hillman College at Clinton, and Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, are making great improvements for the education of our girls.

We recommend:

First—That we begin the education of our children at home, by the fireside.

Second—That we give them the very best advantages of our public and graded schools.

Third—That we send them, if possible, to one of our denominational colleges.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. Hill.

An interval was spent in partaking of the abundant and excellent dinner spread by the church and community.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association convened as per adjournment, and the reading of reports continued.

FINANCE.

Report on Finance read by T. J. Bounds, and adopted

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following:

Association fund	$ 81 35
For Orphanage (on Sunday)	24 61
For Missions (on Sunday)	50 01
	$155 97

DISBURSED.

In treasury	$ 2 59	
Paid to General Association	40 00	
Paid for Printing Minutes	60 00	
Paid Clerk's Fee	20 00	
Paid Orphanage	21 24	
Paid J. E. Chapman	5 23	
Paid Postage	1 50	$150 56

T. J. BOUNDS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report on Sunday Schools read by W. H. Rainer, and adopted.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report the following:

We are pleased to see the growing interest taken in Sunday School work in some communities, especially with the younger people. We believe it the duty, as well as the privilege of every community to have a well-regulated Sunday School, with the best talents in the church as leaders. We insist that fathers and mothers take more interest in the Sunday School by going and encouraging their children in the work. Children of today will be men and women of tomorrow. What will they be? They will be largely what we make them. So we believe the Sunday School to be one of the great possibilities for the young. May God bless every effort put forth in Sunday School work.

W. H. RAINER.

No report on Publications being ready, on motion, Elder R. L. Breland was invited to take all the time necessary to present the claims of THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST. Bro. Breland availed himself of the opportunity, and was also requested to write a report on Publications and mail to the Clerk for publication in the minutes.

OBITUARIES.

Report on Obituaries read by D. M. Stroud, and adopted.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report the following:

We find that God, in His dispensation of love, has removed from His earthly kingdom to His heavenly kingdom the following-named brethren and sisters:

R. H. Amis, John Diamond, John McBeth, Mosley Weaver, A. D. Crenshaw; Amanda Holladay, Nancy Griffis, Melinda Gibson, Ida Ledlow, Eulah Germany, Ida Hailey, P. A. Gallaspy, Amelia Tatum, Lucy Huddleston, Phoebe Knight, Elmira Chaney, S. A. Sims and Julia A. Williamson.

May God,s love and mercy ever comfort the bereaved, and lead his people into a nearness with Himself.

Submitted.

D M. STROUD.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Report on Queries and Requests read by D. B. Cannon, and adopted.

We, your Committee on Queries and Requests report as follows:

We find no queries, and but one request.

We recommend that the Association go to Hickory church next year.

D. B. CANNON, Chairman.

Elder E. J. Hill offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That we, as the Mt. Pisgah Association, object to any presentation of claims of the BAPTIST FLAG, as it antagonizes our methods of doing Mission work.

TEMPERANCE.

Report on Temperance read by R. L. Herrington, and after some discussion, adopted.

We, the Committee or Temperance, beg leave to report the following:

We are much pleased to be able, on this great subject, to bring encouraging news from the front. State after state has gone dry; and, in states that have not gone dry, county after county, city after city, and town after town have gone dry, until non-prohibition states are almost dry.

In Mississippi we have won the first great battle by getting state-wide prohibition. Our next great battle must be fought out with the blind tiger. They are here, and here, it seems to stay. We ask that the people rally to the officials in driving them from the land.

Submitted.

R. L. HERRINGTON.

Chairmen of Committees appointed to write reports for next meeting of the Association.

Missions—E. J. Hill.
Education—W. J. McMullan.
Temperance—R. K. Cleveland.
Sabbath Schools—D. B. Cannon.
Publications—H. O. White.
Orphanage—J. E. Graham.
Obituaries—W. H. Rainer.
State of Religion—G. P. Clarke.

PUBLICATION.

The following report on Publications was mailed to the Clerk after the adjournment of the Association:

Owing to the absence of the regularly appointed chairman of the Committee on Publications, the Association appointed me to submit a report on this important work. Therefore I submit the following:

No people can rise above their literature, hence the importance of having a safe, sound, and progressive literature for our Baptist young people to read The reading people are the doing people. No people will be enthusiastic for a cause of which they know nothing. Therefore it is not only important that we have good papers, but it is also important that our people read the papers and other literature, if we expect them to progress in the Lord's work. Of course we all know that the Bible is first, and should receive careful and prayerful reading at our hands, but it is also very essential that we read our denominational payers, and other Christian literature. As first of importance, we would recommend THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST, published at Newton, Miss. It is the organ of East Mississippi and the General Association especially, and gives the news of importance and of interest in this part of the stote, and also the general news of interest from all over the South. Next of importance, we would mention the BAPTIST RECORD, of Jackson, Miss., the organ of the State Convention. THE WESTERN RECORDER, of Louisville, Ky., THE HOME MISSION FIELD, THE FOREIGN MISSSION JOURNAL, THE ORPHANAGE GEM, THE BAPTIST FORUM, and like publications.

We especially recommend that Sunday Schools use the literature from the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

Submitted.

R. L. BRELAND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. That the Clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of this meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same, when so done and approved by him; and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printers's fee and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

2nd. That all money on hand for the Orphanage be sent direct to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss , by the treasurer, and all funds on hand, after the expenses of the Association have been met, be sent to the General Association.

3rd. That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Neshoba Church and community at large for their kind and generous entertainment of the Association during this meeting

4th. That we now adjourn to meet with Hickory church, Newton county, Miss., on Saturday before the Third Lord's Day in September, 1911.

While singing "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again," the parting hand was given, and Elder R. L. Breland offered prayer, followed by the benediction by the Moderator, closing a great and profitable meeting of the Mt. Pisgah Association.

F. M. BRELAND, Moderator.

G. P. CLARKE, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

H. O. White	Decatur	D. B. Cannon	Philadelpia
W. B. Hammond	Decatur	N. A. Edmonds.	Hickory
R. L. Herrington	Neshoba	G. M. May	Lawrence
D. M. Stroud	Lake	Wm. Yarbrough	Lawrenee

R. L. Cleveland.....Decatur
E. W. Breland.....Hays
W. L. Collins.....Union
F. M. Breland,.....
Joe Rushing.....Harperville
W. H. Rainer.....Union
E. J. Hill.....Union
H. C. Taylor .....Union
.....Philadelphia, R 5

LICENTIATES.

T. A Sims.....Dacatur
A. J. Myers.....Lake
J G. Giles.....Chunkey
J. M. Williams.....Hickosy
S W Johnson .....Union
J S. Laird.....Decatur
T J. Bryant.....Conehatta
G. W. Brantly...Sebastapool

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH---Preamble.

We the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before

the foundation of the world, that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offspring for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of righteousness to everyone that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and required all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit; and that the sinner, in order to be saved must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal

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GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to one Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the

body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His seoond coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove

them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the intetest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3 With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we desire it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individiual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own consciences; and the right shall never be called in queston in this Association. And any motion whereby the right is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their concent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

9. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

7. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association shall form their own By-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall be one huhdred—three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and

shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speakr ing on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderato- shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by Clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

25. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing Articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches	County	Numbtr of Teachers	Number of Pupils	Expenses	Literature
Beulah	Newton	5	60		Baptist
Beat Line	Newton	4	35		Baptist
County Line	Neshoba	5	50		Baptist
Chunkey	Newton	5	50		Baptist
Decatur	Newton	6	40		Baptist
Dixon	Neshoba	4	50		Baptist
Good Hope	Newton	3	50		Baptist
Hopewell	Newton	2	60		Baptist
Hickory	Newton	6	115		Baptist
Hazel	Newton	4	80		Union
Hope	Neshoba	4	70		Baptist
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	4	75		Baptist
Midway	Newton	4	32		Baptist
Neshoba	Neshoba	5	128		Baptist
New Ireland	Newton	3	40		Baptist
Pine Ridge	Newton	4	66		Baptist
Sulphur Springs	Scott	5	75		Union
Stratton	Newton	3	25		Union
Union	Newton	7	110		Baptist
Union	Scott	3	50		Baptist

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH	COUNTY	Baptized	Received by Let'r	Restored	Dismissed by L't'r	Excluded	Dead	Male	Female	Colored	Totals	No. of Minutes	Association Fnnd	Time of Meeting	Ordained	Licentiates	PASTORS
Beulah	Newton	8			3		3	66	100	2	168	30	3 00	3	1	1	G W Breland
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	7	10		2			30	32		62	20	2 00				H C Taylor
Beat Line	Newton	4	2					20	15		35	15	1 50				W J Bruner
County Line	Neshoba	7	3		20		1	28	39		67	20	2 00			1	
Centre Ridge	Newton	2	2		4			20	14		34	15	1 50				H C Taylor
Cross Roads	Newton				2			11	13		24	10	1 00				Wm. Yarbrough
Chunky	Newton	1	5		6			71	102		173	30	3 00				R A Venable
Decatur	Newton	6	5		4			88	124	1	213	40	4 00	2			E J Hill
Dixon	Neshoba	1	3		1			23	20		43	20	2 00				J S Chatham
Ebenezer	Newton	9	5	1	3			30	52		82	16	1 65	3	1		W B Hammond
Ebenezer	Neshoba	11	5				1	20	23		43	15	1 50				H C Taylor
Ephesus	Scott	1	3	2	3	1	2	24	36		60	25	2 50				G. M. May
Good Hope	Scott	5	1		3			26	33		59	15	1 50			1	G. M. May
Good Hope	Newton	6	2	1	2			21	19		40	15	1 50				Z K Gilmore
Hopewell	Newton		2		4	2	1				97	35	3 50				W H Rainer
Hickory	Newton	12	21		5		2	62	113		175	25	2 50		1		N A Edmonds
Hazel	Newton	2	4		2			22	32		54	20	2 00				W E Hathorn
Hebron	Newton	1			4	3		34	36		70	25	2 50			1	W H Rainer
Hope	Neshoba	4	1		8			25	25		50	20	2 00				W J Bruner
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba				5	4	1				54	15	1 50		1		G W Breland
Midway	Newton	12					2	18	31		49	26	2 65				Wm. Yarbrough

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

STATISTICAL TABLE. (Continued)

CHURCH	COUNTY	Baptized	Received by Let'r	Restored	Dismissed by L't'r	Excluded	Dead	Male	Female	Colored	Totals	No. of Minutes	Association Fnnd	Time of Meeting	Ordained	Licentiates	PASTORS
Mt. Pleasant	Newton				5		1	26	37		63	15	1 50				J W Ellis
New Prospect	Newton	1	3		4	1		20	38		58	20	2 00				E W Breland
Neshoba	Neshoba	7	4	1	7	2	2	82	86		168	50	5 00		1		L E Lightsey
New Providence	Newton	4	1		1			17	21		38	10	1 00	3		1	W J Bruner
New Ireland	Newton	11	4		3			30	40		70	25	2 50				W L Collins
Oakland	Newton		1		1			20	41		61	15	1 50	1			F W Gunn
Pleasant Hill	Newton	8			1	1	2	70	71		141	30	3 00				R L Breland
Pickney	Newton				3	2		22	36		58	12	1 20				W H Rainer
Pine Bluff	Newton		1		2		1	23	37		60	15	1 50	4	1		E W Breland
Pine Ridge	Newton	8	3		6	3	1	16	25		41	15	1 50		2		Z T Faulkner
Poplar	Newton				6			16	20		36	10	1 00			1	G. M. May
Pleasant Ridge	Newton				3	3		7	21		28	20	2 00				N A Edmonds
Rock Branch	Newton	8	10	2	5			32	56		88	25	2 50		2		W H Rainer
Salem	Scott		2					11	21		32	15	1 50				C L Sansing
Sulphur Springs	Scott	1			1		1	41	40		81	11	1 10		1		C L Sansing
Sand Springs	Newton		1		1		1	32	41		73	15	1 50			1	Wm. Yarbrough
Sardis	Scott	1	1		1			14	34		48	15	1 50			1	W B Hammond
Stratton	Newton	5				1		19	19		38	15	1 50				R L Breland
Union	Newton	8	35	5	44			57	99		156	25	2 25		3		F J Hill
Union	Scott	2	2					33	53		86	15	1 50		1		W S Blackmon
Totals		163	142	12	175	13	22				2976	825					

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches	Churches	Missions	Orphan's General Aid	Ministerial Education	Bldg and Repairing	Pastor's Salary	Other Purposes	Total	Value of Property

PASTORS	Licentiates	Ordained	Time of Meet	Association Fr	No. of Minutes	Totals	Colored	Female	Male	Dead	Excluded	Dismissed by L	Restored	Received by L	Baptized	COUNTY	CHURCH

STATISTICAL TABLE. (Continued)

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches	Churches	Missions	Orphan'ge	Ministerial Aid	Bl'dg and Repairing	Pastor's Salary	Other Purposes	Total	Value of Property
Beulah	Newton	$25 00					5 00	$ 30 00	$ 500 00
Beat Line	Newton								500 00
County Line	Neshoba	40 50		18 20				58 70	
Central Ridge	Newton	14 00				75 00		89 00	300 00
Cross Roads	Newton			6 00			34 00	40 00	500 00
Chunkey	Newton	50 00				250 00		300 00	2 000 00
Decatur	Newton	90 00				250 00	40 50	384 50	1 000 00
Dixon	Neshoba	6 60				75 00		81 60	
Good Hope	Newton					100 00			
Hopewell	Newton	6 00		10 00		67 85	11 00	94 85	
Hickory	Newton	260 00			1 300	400 00	2 50	2 171 25	2 000 00
Hebron	Newton	29 85				73 25		103 10	800 00
Hazel	Newton	15 00				100 00		115 00	
Hope	Neshoba	8 50		13 25			2 65	24 40	
Midway	Newton	10 00				50 00		60 00	300 00
Mt. Pleasant	Newton								600 00
Neshoba	Neshoba	91 42	12 00			175 00		278 42	1 600 00
New Providence	Newton								300 00
Pleasant Hill	Newton	96 30				175 00		314 30	400 00
Pinckney	Newton	10 00		8 50		75 25		93 75	500 00
Pine Ridge	Newton	3 80		12 50		35 00	10 00	61 30	
Rock Branch	Newton	59 85	6 45	6 65		111 60		184 55	
Salem	Scott	6 25		26 00		45 00		77 25	250 00
Sulphur Springs	Scott	10 00		10 50		100 00		120 50	800 00
Sand Springs	Newton			7 50		50 00		57 50	500 00
Stratton	Newton	24 35		11 20		100 00	1 50	137 75	400 00
Union	Newton	100 00	25 00	100 00	1 850	500 00	27 25	2 602 25	3 000 00
Union	Scott		12 00						900 00

TABLE OF MESSENGERS.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	POSTOFFICE	NAMES OF MESSENGERS
Beulah	Newton	Decatur	H O White, J L Harrison, T A Sims, J E
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	Union, R 1	G J Hillman, Roy Boler. [Graham
Beat Line	Newton	Decatur	A W Edwards, A M Allgood
County Line	Neshoba	Union	J T Knight, W J Cooper
Centre Ridge	Newton	Battlefield	J S Wells, P N Wells
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	J C Russell, Will Mattheny
Chunkey	Newton	Chunkey	T P Joneo, C Mabry
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	J K Jordan, T L Gaines, Q Q Graham, G P
Dixon	Neshoba	Dixon	D B Cannon, W T Lewis [Clarke
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	T J Bounds, J I Robinson
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Dixon, R 2	R W Brantley, Oscar McKey
Ephesus	Scott	Forest	J L Graham, J F Gardner
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	G L Hough, John May
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	S W Monroe, W C Williams
Hopewell	Newton	Decatur	J W Williams, Jim Smith
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	M G Scarborough, G O Killam
Hazel	Newton	Lake	I M Pace, Floyd Harris
Hebron	Newton	Decatur	J S Laird, J J Smith
Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia	T J Webb, B E Turner
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Philadelphia	F C Lewis, F M Breland
Midway	Newton	Newton	W J R Butts, W J McMullan
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Hickory	B O Allen, Lee Gilbert

TABLE OF MESSENGERS. (Continued.)

CHURCHES	COUNTY	POSTOFFICE	NAMES OF MESSENGERS
New Prospect	Newton	Union, R 2	J M Wolverton. R D Brown
Neshoba	Neshoba	Neshoba	B F Lewis, J M Smith, L P Wilson, J E McCraw
New Providence	Newton	Chunkey	A F Lindley, C D Lindley
New Ireland	Newton	Union	J H Germany, S B Barfoot
Oakland	Newton	Hickory	C O Reynolds, A R Reynolds
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	L D Bishop, J H Wilson, M Weaver
Pinckney	Newton	Union	W O Estes, Virgil Gordon
Pine Bluff	Newton	Decatur	A Volentine, N McCraney
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lawrence	D M Stroud, Wm Yarbrough
Poplar	Newton	Conehatta	L F Milling
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	Hickory	J B Gibbon, J H Cunningham
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	W H Rainer, R K Cleveland
Salem	Scott	Forest	J D Rape, Talmage Lay
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Hays	Tom Petty, J Gardner
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	J M Williams, A Ingram
Sardis	Scott	Sebastopool	G W Brantley, Lonny Andrews
Stratton	Newton	Stratton	H O Horn, W F Rowzee
Union	Newton	Union	E J Hill, W L Collins, W R Moore
Union	Scott	Harperville	R M Beasley, J E Putnam